



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald A. Wilt

Lt Col Ronald A. Wilt is the Deputy Commander, 302^d Operations Group, 302^d Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, CO. In his second tour as Deputy Commander, he is responsible in directing the monetary and personnel resources under the command of the Operations Group. The Operations Group is made up of 2 Flying Squadrons and 2 Support Flights: the 731st Airlift Squadron (AS), the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), the 302^d Operations Support Flight (OSF) and the 302^d Airlift Control Flight (ALCF).

Lt Col Ron Wilt is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and entered active duty in May 1980. A command pilot with more than 7,500 flying hours, he has served on active duty for 12 years 7 months and on active reserves for more than 14 years. His flying time has been principally in C-130 aircraft. Before assuming his current position, he was the Director of Training in the 731st AS, 302^d Operations Group, 302^d Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, CO. Prior to that, he was Director of Current Operations, 302^d Operations Support Flight 302^d Operations Group, 302^d Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, CO. As Director of Current Operations, he was responsible in managing the flying hours program for 16 C130H aircraft, and coordinating all local and off station flying missions executed by the 302 Airlift Wing. Before to that, he was the Deputy Commander, 302^d Operations Group, 302^d Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, CO. As Deputy Commander of the Operations Group, he was responsible in directing the 731st Airlift Squadron, the 39th Aerial Port Squadron, the 302^d Airlift Control Flight and the 302^d Support Flight. Prior to that, he was the chief pilot of the 731st Airlift Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, CO.

Lt Col Ron Wilt was born May 10, 1956 at Forbes Air Force Base, KS, and graduated from Papillion High School at Papillion, NE in 1974. He attended Millard Preparatory School and the University of Nebraska in Lincoln before attending the United States Air Force Academy.

Lt Col Ron Wilt is married to the former Jean Marie Donelan of Colorado Springs, Colorado. They have one son, two daughters and a grandson.

EDUCATION:

1980 Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, United States Air Force Academy
1989 Master of Science degree in Operations Management, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville Arkansas.
1990 Airlift Operations School, Scott Air Force Base, IL
1985 Squadron Officer School, Correspondence
1997 Air Command and Staff College, Seminar
2007 Air War College, Correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1980 - August 1981, student, flight training, Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.
2. August 1981 - November 1981, student, C-130 flight training, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.
3. November 1981 – August 1985, aircraft commander, C-130H, Standardization and Evaluation Liaison and Mobility Officer, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas.
4. August 1985 – September 1986, group ground safety officer, instructor pilot JC-130B and the C-130P, 6594th Test Group, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

5. September 1986 – December 1992, instructor pilot and C-130E flight examiner in the Department of Defense C-130 formal training school and deputy chief of Current Operation, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.
6. January 1993 – present, instructor pilot and C-130E/H₃ flight examiner, Military Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) instructor aircraft commander, chief pilot and Director of Training, 731st Airlift Squadron, Deputy Commander, 302^d Operations Group, and Director Current Operation 302^d Operations Support Flight, 302^d Airlift Wing, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 7,500

Aircraft flown: T-41, T-37, T-38, JC-130 and C-130B/E/H

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with six oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award

Coast Guard Unit Commendation

Combat Readiness Medal with nine oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two bronze stars

Kosovo Campaign Medal with one bronze star

Iraq Campaign Ribbon

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Humanitarian Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ 3 M devices

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS:

Life member, Reserve Officers Association

Life member, Association of Graduates (USAFA)

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant May 28, 1980

First Lieutenant May 28, 1982

Captain May 28, 1984

Major May 28, 1994

Lieutenant Colonel Sep 18, 1998

(Current as of February 2008)